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A PRESCANNER AND A CT SCANNER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this amendment and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this amendment.